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ENIGMAS.

9.

THE artist, inviting the aid
Of judgment, of taste, and of skill,
Such colours has never displayed,
And I firmly believe never will;
As my riddle is known to disclose
By the aid of a reflecting power,
Yet I do not believe I impose,
When I tell you 'tis merely a flower
Which adorneth the husbandman's cot,
Or enamels the edge of the plain:
How blest are those men in their lot,
If their bosoms are strangers to pain!

10.

(Written by the celebrated Dr. Byles.)

It is as high as all the stars,
No well was ever dug so low,
It is in age five thousand years,
It was not made an hour ago;
It is as wet as water is,
No red hot iron e'er was drier;
As dark as night, as cold as ice,
Shines like the sun, and burns like fire;
No soul, no body to consume,
No fox more cunning, dunce more dull;
'Tis not on earth, 'tis in this room,
As hard as stone, and soft as wool:
'Tis of no colour, but of snow:
Outside and inside black as ink;
All red, all green, all yellow, blue,
This moment you upon it think.

ENIGMAS.

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In every noise it strikes your ears;
'Twill soon expire, 'twill ne'er decay;
It always in the light appears,
And yet 'twas never seen by day.
Than the whole earth it larger is,
'Tis than a small pin's point it is less:
I'll tell you ten times what it is,
Yet after all you shall not guess.
'Tis in your mouth; 'twas never nigh;
Where'er you look you see it still:
'Twill make you laugh, 'twill make you cry:
You feel it plain, touch what you will.

11.

Ah! why Louisa must I still
My riddle daily see?
The stream which murmurs in a rill
I may compare to thee.
Yet still the source from which it flows
Affects no human heart:
But when I view Louisa's woes,
I long to bear a part.
Oh! let me check that constant tide,
That soft impearling dew:
Yes, dear Louisa, let me guide
The current far from you.

12.

WHEN Zephyrus fans a soft breeze,
And the leaves tremble light in the air;
When the motion which waveth the trees
Might with gossamer aptly compare:
Then Amanda a semblance may find
To the riddle I humbly enclose:
It proceeds from a pang in the mind,
Which absence has robbed of repose.